

## Message Text

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R 270510Z JUL 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9445  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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FODAG

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAID, LA  
SUBJECT: WFP - EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO LAOS

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 7682 (NOT SENT BANGKOK)

1. EMBASSY VIENTIANE'S LAST MESSAGE ON THE SUBJECT OF FOOD AID TO LAOS WAS VIENTIANE 783 SENT JULY 20 (DTG 200900Z JUL 78) PRIORITY INFO TO ROME. THIS MESSAGE POINTED OUT THAT WFP/ROME MIGHT BE OPERATING ON NEW INFORMATION WHICH HAD REDUCED THEIR ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL FOOD AID NEED IN LAOS. WE RECOMMENDED THAT WFP/ROME BE URGED TO SHARE ANY SUCH NEW INFORMATION WITH ALL CONCERNED. WE WILL REPEAT VIENTIANE 783 TO KUALA LUMPUR.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT U.S. OFFICIALS AT THE FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE TAKE NO INITIATIVES WITH LAO REPRESENTATIVES IN REGARD TO OUR FOOD AID TO LAOS. IF THE LAO RAISE THE SUBJECT AND PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD SAY THAT WE ARE GLAD TO

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HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THIS HUMANITARIAN GESTURE WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE AN INITIAL STEP IN THE STEADY IMPROVEMENT OF OUR OVERALL RELATIONS.

3. IF THE LAO SHOULD GO FURTHER AND START COMPLAINING ABOUT OUR AID'S NOT RESULTING IN ANY INCREASE IN ASSISTANCE TO LAOS, WE RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE TOLD TO GET

IN TOUCH WITH THE WFP, SINCE DECISIONS MADE WITH RESPECT  
TO EARLIER WFP AID PLEDGES ARE THAT ORGANIZATION'S  
RESPONSIBILITY AND NOT THE USG'S. WE SHOULD DO OUR  
BEST TO AVOID BEING CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF LAO-WFP  
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AS TO THE SIZE OF THE FOOD SHORT-  
FALL IN LAOS.

4. JOHN BOARDMAN, CHIEF OF OUR POLITICAL/ECONOMIC  
SECTION, IS CURRENTLY IN BANGKOK ON A COURIER RUN. HE  
IS ALSO TAKING SOME LEAVE AND IS DUE BACK AT POST AUG. 1.  
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO STAY OVER FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH  
BAKER AUG. 3, PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT AND BAKER THINK  
THAT MORE BACKGROUND IS REQUIRED THAN THAT CONTAINED IN  
PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS ON THIS SUBJECT. PLEASE ADVISE.

ROBERTS

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